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MR. LARRY KITTELSON 3017<sup>TH</sup> STREET EAST STARBUCK, MN 56381 DISTRICT ONE Ms. Mazlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

MR. GORDON WAGNER 128 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE SW GLENWOOD, MN 56334 DISTRICT TWO

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We are writing to encourage the Commission to take steps to expand access to reliable rural cell phone and broadband Internet coverage in rural communities.

Mr. Paul Gerde 27774 Lake Linka Lane Glenwood, MN 56334 <u>District Three</u> Pope County is located in west central Minnesota. It is a small county in population. Glenwood, our county seat, has approximately 2,500 residents and the total population of the county is approximately 11,000. Many of our residents lack reliable broadband Internet and cell phone coverage. This hinders economic development and public safety.

MR. LARRY LINDOR 14799 CO RD 3 CYRUS, MN 56323 DISTRICT FOUR This is why we were excited to learn about LightSquared's network that will provide access to wireless broadband and cell phone coverage for rural residents. The lower costs and universal coverage expected from LightSquared's network will provide new economic opportunities for our residents. The sooner we can take advantage of these opportunities the better.

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We ask that the Commission move without delay on LightSquared's application and do everything it can to remove the "digital divide" that separates urban and rural America.

Sincerely,

Gordon Wagner

Pope County Commissioner

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